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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA ELINT Training Program

1. On Sunday 11 January I talked with [] about [] interest in ELINT training. He said it had been [] policy to minimize [] participation in ELINT collection activities and as a result [] lacks qualified personnel in this field. With Mr. Bissell's new emphasis and interest in scientific collection activities, [] hopes to beef up the [] activities with new personnel. It is his thought that O/C is probably the Agency's best source of qualified technicians in this field. [] does not know if the Agency has sufficient qualified executive supervisors to meet his needs as well as those of the other interested offices. If not, he stated he would prefer to have an Air Force officer or someone similar with practical experience in the ELINT field rather than to attempt the prolonged electronics training

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2. [], CIA ELINT Staff, says most of their contacts have been with []

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3. Tom Karamessines, FI Staff, will attend our briefing with [] whom Tom calls his ELINT expert.
(Have heard that he is replacement for Elbise Page.)

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4. Points which Training might raise incident to the briefing are:

- (1) Has each interested office (i.e., TSS, [] others) submitted a statement of its training objectives and requirements to include:
 - (a) Immediate need for ELINT trained officers, specific number of students and when they will be available for training?
 - (b) Projected need for ELINT trained officers, estimated number of students and dates training will be required.

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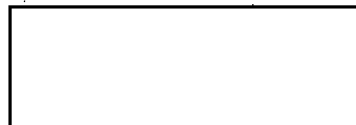
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- (c) Training now available and training required; Agency, NSA, Armed Forces, civilian institutions, others?
- (d) Number of slots required for instructors; for trainees?
- (e) Cost estimates to include specific provision of funds for external training and visiting speakers. Include possibility of combining external training with R & D objectives of Agency.
- (f) Space available and space required.
- (g) Over-all objectives of each course required to determine which courses can service needs of more than one agency component.

25X1 5. Set tentative date for next meeting of EAC subcommittee on ELINT training for purpose of office submitting draft of proposed memorandum to General Cabell per 17 December 1958 initial report of subcommittee.



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